Overview & Program Highlights

The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
Sustainability

AASHE defines sustainability in an inclusive way, encompassing human and ecological health, social justice, secure livelihoods and a better world for all generations.
About AASHE

Mission: to inspire and catalyze higher education to lead the global sustainability transformation
YEAR WHEN HIGHER EDUCATION SUSTAINABILITY WORK BEGAN
N=432

From AASHE’s 2015 Sustainability Staffing Survey
The Potential:

Higher Education in the US

~ 2400 Four Year Institutions
(11+ million students)

~ 1600 Two Year Institutions
(6.5+ million students)
Membership Statistics

US: 820 Universities & Colleges
Canada: 68 Universities & Colleges
International: 27 Universities & Colleges

- 3.5+ Million students
- $100+ Billion in annual spend
Initiatives to Support a Movement
April 4, 2017

News | Opportunities | Resources | Events | Jobs
Submit | Subscribe | Advertise

There are 10 days left to apply for the Sustainability Professionals Retreat, hosted by AASHE and facilitated by Leith Sharp, from Harvard University, and Aurora Winslade, from Swarthmore College. Take a look at the learning outcomes and see if this is right for you! Space is limited. Apply by April 14.

News of the Week

U Wisconsin-Stevens Point Introduces Educational Sustainability Doctoral Program
The new doctoral program in Educational Sustainability is designed to challenge students to educate for sustainability, by understanding and responding to problems in economic, ecological and social justice contexts. Sustainability learning and leadership theories are used to enable graduates to transform educational systems and foster citizen engagement.

More Curriculum News | Curriculum Resources

The AASHE Bulletin is a free, weekly e-newsletter that delivers the latest in campus sustainability news, resources, opportunities, events, and jobs and internships.
AASHE Awards

2016 AASHE Award Winners
Creating public platforms for innovators & early adopters to influence others
The Campus Sustainability Hub is a one-stop shop for AASHE members to access toolkits, resource collections and benchmarking tools, and to connect with business and community partners. To get started, select a toolkit or enter search terms above.
Centers for Sustainability Across the Curriculum

13 “Centers for Sustainability Across the Curriculum,” are partnering with AASHE to offer workshops and other professional development opportunities on sustainability in the curriculum.
Annual Conference & Expo

SAVE THE DATE!
OCT. 15-18 | SAN ANTONIO

Registration Opens Late Spring

Explore Rates
The **Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System™ (STARS)** is a transparent, self-reporting framework for **colleges and universities** to measure their sustainability performance.
STARS Overview

Comprehensive
• STARS Categories
  ▪ Academics
  ▪ Engagement
  ▪ Operations
  ▪ Planning & Administration

Transparent
• All data is publicly available

Positive Recognition
• Institutions earn a rating
Participation

- Subscriptions
- Participants
- Ratings

Total

Date

- Sep...
- Apr 10
- Nov...
- Jun 11
- Jan 12
- Aug...
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- Oct 13
- May...
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- Jul 15
- Feb 16
- Sep...

Graph showing trends over time in subscriptions, participants, and ratings.
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AASHE believes transparency is a key component in communicating sustainability claims. Publicly available STARS data may be used in research and publications, provided that our Data Use Guidelines are met.
Green Gigawatt Partnership

1. Catalyze one gigawatt or more of green power development by 2020 through higher education energy procurement.

2. Help colleges and universities achieve their carbon reduction commitments in a cost effective way.
On-Campus Solar Project Support

AASHE is offering cost-free support for up to five campuses to develop and implement on-campus (or near campus) solar projects. Support will include:

• site screening
• stakeholder education
• RFP development
• contract negotiation support
“Education, if it means anything, should not take people away from the land, but instill in them even more respect for it, because educated people are in a position to understand what is being lost.

The future of the planet concerns all of us, and all of us should do what we can to protect it.”
Questions?

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